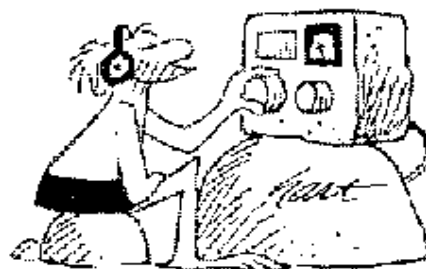


BARA FACTS



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W2OW Fred W. Porterfield Memorial Station

W2OW Repeater 147.39/.99

Check out BARA on the web!

<http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/bara/>

WHAT'S UP?

Just a month ago our fearsome leader was lamenting about 8 inches of snow on the ground. Well, hopefully we have made the final transition from winter, as the recent news is all about floods and a few nights back there were thunderboomers rolling by my place anyway.

Spring heralds antenna repair (for those sensible enough to have waited out Jack Frost), those petunia or daffy-dill things that sprout up, new spark plugs for the mower, and... back to those thunderboomers... SKYWARN!

I'm ready! A couple days ago I removed a hundred pounds of so of Broome County salt and cinders from my garage floor, this weekend I'll try getting it out of the fenders of my truck. I'll also inventory the emergency gear stashed in the plastic tub that serves as a 'trunk' out in the back of the truck.

Another big step toward seasonal readiness will happen at the April 18th general meeting – our annual Skywarn training session. Make sure you are there – in fact, invite a couple friends along. Hams provide valuable input to the NWS through the storm season.



**SKYWARN
TRAINING at the
BARA General
Meeting
April 18th**

BARA HAMFEST ALMOST HERE

The annual BARA hamfest in Owego is less than a month away. As always the hamfest team is in need of arms and legs to pull off this event. There will be a list of 'jobs' at the next meeting and a sign-up sheet.

In addition to workers on the day of the 'fest (May 5), a crew is needed on the afternoon of Friday May 4 to set up the main building (a bit of cleanup is usually needed, lugging some tables around, etc etc).

Contact Hedy AA2MU, or Paul N2NCB, or Bill N2BC if you can help out but don't have an opportunity to sign up. See the last page of the newsletter for phone numbers.

Also, keep an eye on your BARA reflector Email for hamfest meeting announcements – these last few meetings are critical to the success of the 'fest and all are invited to attend.

Remember: HAMFEST, MAY 5th Marvin Park Owego

Talk it up!

146.820 REPEATER UPDATE

Ford Drake, AB2HS reports that the WA2QEL repeater (146.820/-600) is no longer PL'd on it's input. The repeater still transmits a 100Hz tone for those who want to use tone squelch.